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SUBJ: NEW APPOINTMENTS AT UNIVERSITIES

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1. MINISTER OF EDUCATION GANJI HAS INTRODUCED SEVERAL NEW CHANCELLORS: TEHRAN UNIV, QASSEM MOTAMED; NATIONAL UNIV, AHMAD QORESHI; ARYA MEHR TECH UNIV, ALIREZA MEHRAN; FERDOWSI UNIV IN MASHAD, PARVIZ AMUZEGAR; UNIV OF KERMAN, ASSAD IRANPANAH; AZARBEDEGAN UNIV IN TABRIZ, MANUCHER MORTAZAVI; TEHRAN POLYTECHNIC, CYRUS SHAFIQI ;

PARS COLLEGE, JAVAD OSKUI; COLLEGE OF COMMERCE, ALI AZMAYESH. 5 OF THE NEW APPOINTEES ARE AMERICAN-EDUCATED: MOTAMED; QORESHI AND IRANPANAH HAVE US DOCTORATES. MOTAMED STUDIED AT DENVER AND UCLA; QORESHI AT COLORADO AND BERKELEY; IRANPAHAAH AT OKLAMOMA. MEHRAN AND AMUZEGAR DID POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH AT US INSTITUTIONS, AMUZEGAR AS A 1970-71 FULBRIGHTER AT UCLA, MEHRAN AS POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER AND TEACHING FELLOW AT UTAH. MOTAMED AND QORESHI REPLACE FRENCH-EDUCATED, NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING MEN AT TEHRAN AND ANTIONAL RESPECTIVELY. SECOND SIGNIFICANT FACT IS YOUTH OF APPOINTEES.

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AVERAGE AGE IS EARLY FORTIES. SEVERAL ARE IN THEIR THIRTIES; MOTAMED, THE OLDEST, IS 52. THIRD, THE SWISS-EDUCATED CONTINUE TO PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN IRANIAN EDUCATION: MEHRAN'S DOCTORATE IS FROM UNIV OF GENEVA; SHAFIQUI'S FROM UNIV OF BERNE.

2. SOME OF THE OUTGOING CHANCELLORS FARED BETTER THAN OTHERS: ZARGHAMI OF ARYA MEHR BECOMES MANAGING DIR OF THE NATIONAL IRANIAN

COPPER CO; MOHAMMAD ALI FAQIEH, FORMER CHANCELLOR OF AZARABADAGAN, BECOMES ADVISER AT THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCES. THERE IS AS YET NO NEWS OF THE OTHERS.

3. SHAH CHARGED NEW APPOINTEES TO IMPROVE QUALITY AND TO EXPAND FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE HALF MILLION STUDENTS BY 1987. (THERE ARE ABOUT 150,000 COLLEGE STUDENTS IN IRAN TODAY.) SAID CHANCELLORS WERE TO HAVE FULL AUTHORITY ON THEIR OWN CAMPUSES, WITH RESPONSIBILITY TO BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. NOTE: FORMER MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION SAMII HAD PROPOSED TO ABOLISH BOARDS OF TRUSTEES.

4. APPOINTMENTS APPARENTLY REFLECT DESIRE FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY IN ADMINISTRATION WHICH YOUNG, AMERICAN AND SWISS EDUCATED MEN ARE ASSUMED TO BE MORE ABLE THAN THEIR PREDECESSORS TO DELIVER. GANJI HAS PROMISED THEM GREATER FINANCIAL REWARDS AND PARTICIPATION IN DELIBERATIONS OF A SPECTRUM OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL MATTERS.

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